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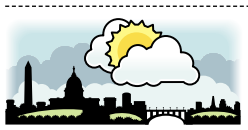

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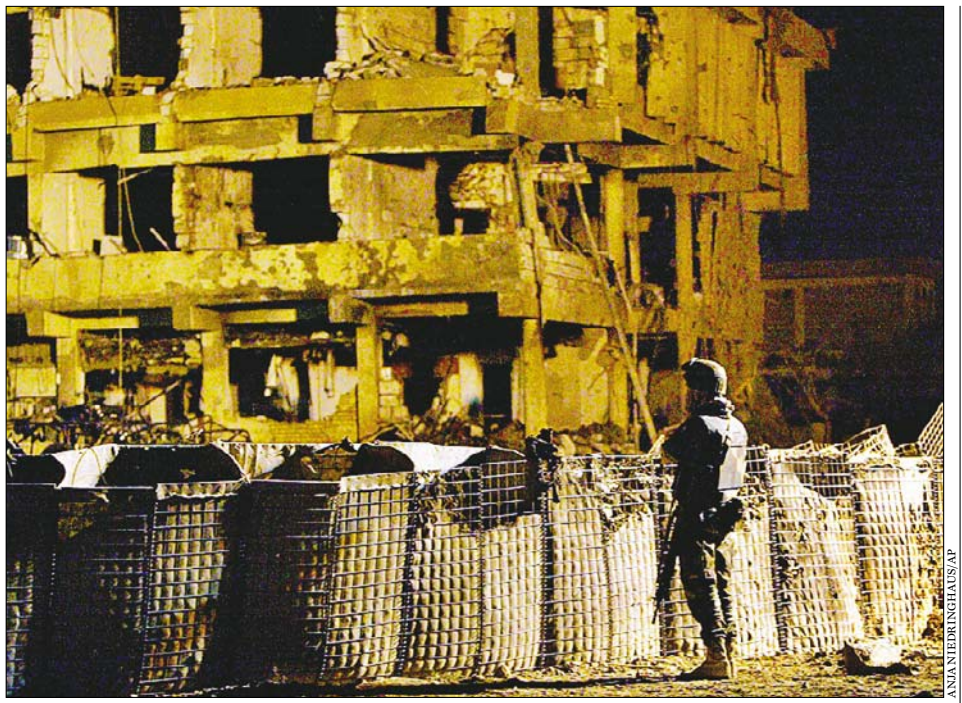

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DEADLY SIGHT: An Italian soldier secures the scene where a truck bomb exploded Wednesday, killing at least 26 people. The attack was the deadliest strike against a U.S. ally since the occupation began.

Italian Base Struck

At least 26 killed; U.S. troops respond with 'Iron Hammer'

NASIRIYAH, IRAQ | A suicide bomber blew up a truck packed with explosives at an Italian paramilitary base Wednesday, killing at least 26 people. The United States struck at the Iraqi insurgency hours later, destroying a warehouse in Baghdad and chasing attackers who were seen firing mortars.

The Nasiriyah attack was the deadliest against an American ally since the occupation began and appeared to send a message that international groups are not safe anywhere in Iraq.

Italian Defense Minister Antonio Martino said the truck, followed by an armored car, approached the compound at high speed. Gunmen inside one of the vehicles opened fire at Italian troops guarding the entrance, he said. The guards returned fire, but the vehicle plowed into the gate, and then exploded.

The blast wounded 79 people, 20 of them Italians, hospital sources and Italian officials said.

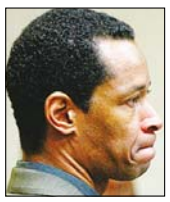
After nightfall in Baghdad, forces from the 1st Armored Division attacked a warehouse used by insurgents, setting off explosions that reverberated throughout the capital.

The mission was part of "Operation Iron Hammer," a new "get tough" policy for confronting insurgents. SLOBODAN LEKIC (AP) ✣ **Bremer in Washington:** Addressing Iraq options | Page 3

Death Still Option for Muhammad

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. | Despite little proof that John Allen Muhammad pulled the trigger, the judge at his trial refused to take the death penalty off the table Wednesday, saying the evidence suggests he and fellow sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo worked together.

The prosecution's case indicates "they were involved in purposeful shootings," Circuit Judge LeRoy F. Millette Jr. said with the jury out of the room. "They perfected their ability to shoot people ... [and] escape."



Muhammad

The ruling came as Muhammad's defense rested its case after calling only five witnesses, who testified for a total of two hours. Muhammad did not take the stand.

Closing arguments are set to begin Thursday, the same day as opening statements in the capital murder case against Malvo. (AP) ✣ **Malvo trial:** Jury is upheld | Page 8

Greeks Get Squeamish Over Gay Guys Kissing

ATHENS, GREECE | The National Radio and Television Council fined privately owned Mega television $116,000 for airing a scene of two male actors kissing on the weekly drama "Close Your Eyes," describing the scene as "vulgar and unacceptable." Greek TV stations repeatedly showed clips of Madonna kissing Britney Spears during the MTV Video Music Awards in August without facing penalties. (AP)

Want a Piece of Me, Monk? Don't make us go all feudal on you. Go see *Shaolin Warriors*; find out from *David Macaulay* how a mosque is built; dance to *Atmosphere*; have a martini. Have two. WEEKEND PASS | 15-23

EyeOpeners

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TRANSPORTATION

Road, Apples

It wasn't an apple cart per se, but a tractor-trailer loaded with crates of apples was upset Wednesday on Interstate 81 in Chambersburg, Pa., spilling its contents onto the roadway and median strip. Police and fire officials called to the early-morning accident say one lane was closed briefly while the truck was righted and towed away, the Chambersburg Public Opinion newspaper reported. Thousands of apples remained along the road Wednesday morning. (EXPRESS)

ANIMAL WATCH

Tough Turkey

Residents in the Lazzarotto Mobile Home Park in Sonoma, Calif., live in fear of a new neighborhood bully — a big, ornery turkey. "The bird chases cars," resident Patricia Gregory told the Sonoma Index-Tribune. "It comes up to people and goes 'gobble gobble gobble.'" Apparently the bird's not all bark, either. Resident Gloria Wagner says it will chase anyone who walks too fast. Wagner says she just wants peace restored to her home. "I'm a vegetarian," she said. "I would just like it returned to the wild." (EXPRESS)

ODED BALILTY/AP

PAGEANTRY

Beauty Before Age

Most beauty pageant winners don't celebrate with their grandkids afterward, but that's what 76-year-old Ester Veid did after winning the Golden Age Beauty Contest in Tel Aviv, Israel, on Tuesday. Veid was one of nine contestants in the new competition, organized by the Congress of Retired People. Lucy Seibeld, 93, and Mina Brish, 78, captured second- and third-place honors. (AP)

RECORDS

Pillow Talk

Students at Oregon State University are trying to fight their way into the Guinness Book of World Records — pillow fight, that is. Students are planning to gather Friday in the campus's Memorial Union Quad to try to break the record for the world's largest pillow fight, which currently stands at 645 people. The existing record was set in June in Anderson County, Kan. (AP)

HOME VIDEO

Creepy Camera

A bit of video voyeurism is costing Virginia Beach, Va., resident Lin Pond $800 and two years behind bars. Pond was convicted of rigging up a hidden video camera in a bathroom so he could watch his two female roommates. One of the roommates noticed the image on his TV and followed the wires to the camera in the bathroom. (AP)

WHO KNEW? Michael Hunt of Orangeburg, S.C., came home to a surprise Monday: a 3-foot alligator in his garage. It's not clear how the gator got in, but animal control officers escorted it out. (AP)

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AQI Today: Not available

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WASHINGTON

9-11 Commission, White House Reach Deal on Documents

The independent commission on the Sept. 11 attacks announced Wednesday it had reached an agreement with the White House that would allow it to review classified intelligence documents withheld until now by the Bush administration. The group's statement did not describe the agreement, or what conditions the commission accepted. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Two Powerful Unions Back Dean in Presidential Race

Two powerful unions formally endorsed presidential hopeful Howard Dean on Wednesday, further cementing his status as Democratic front-runner by nearly every measure — organization, momentum and money. Dean's political coup came in a joint announcement from the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees and the Service Employees International Union. (AP)

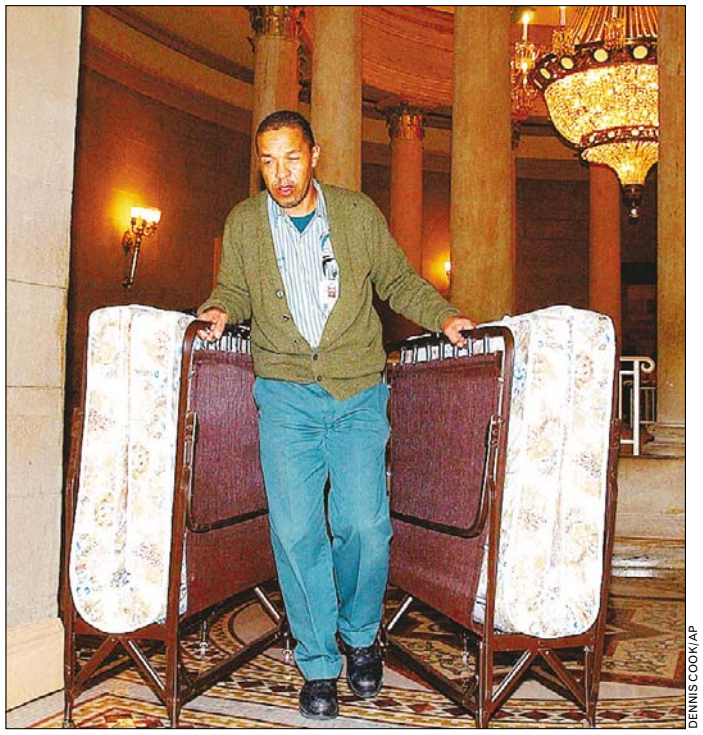
Dean

CHICAGO

Teachers, School Board Reach Tentative Agreement

The Chicago Teachers Union and city school officials reached a tentative contract agreement Wednesday, apparently averting a December walkout that would affect some 440,000 children in the nation's third-largest school district. Both sides announced the agreement after an 18-hour bargaining session. (AP)

CAPITOL HILL | SENATE SLEEPOVER



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ROOM FOR 100: U.S. Capitol employee Bill Saunders guides two roll-away beds down a Capitol corridor on Wednesday ahead of a 30-hour Republican-led debate on President Bush's stalled judicial nominations.

✣ **Talk-a-thon:** Reports on the marathon debate | washingtonpost.com/politics

Bush Mulls Iraq Governing Plans

President, top advisers examine future of Iraqi self-government

WASHINGTON | President George W. Bush and senior national security advisers grappled with plans Wednesday to accelerate the transfer of power in Baghdad under the pressure of rising casualties and a troubling intelligence report from Iraq.

"We are in a very intense period here," said L. Paul Bremer, the top U.S. administrator in Iraq. The Bush administration is worried about a lack of progress by the American-appointed Iraqi Governing Council toward meeting a Dec. 15 U.N. deadline for producing a new constitution and holding elections.

The administration does not intend to abandon the council, officials said, but is exploring new scenarios. One option calls for creating a smaller body within the 24-person council — perhaps 10 people with expanded roles, or establishing one person as a strong leader of the council, a senior administration official said.

Bremer

The administration refused to discuss publicly what was under consideration, saying the Iraqi council had to be consulted first.

Bremer was hurriedly called to Washington for talks with Bush and his top advisers.

Bremer said he would return to Baghdad with the message that Bush was steadfast in his determination to defeat terrorism and to give Iraqis authority over their own country. TERENCE HUNT (AP)

HEARSAY | MARRIAGE

"Marriage is in crisis and will be further devalued and eroded unless we're strong in [saying] same-sex unions are not the equivalent of marriage."

—BISHOP J. KEVIN BOLAND OF SAVANNA, GA., AFTER THE U.S. CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS APPROVED A STATEMENT URGING STATES TO WITHHOLD RECOGNITION OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGES.

Court Hears Case Against Ala. Justice

Judge faces suspension for failing to remove Commandments statue

MONTGOMERY, ALA. | Prosecutors urged a judicial panel to oust suspended Chief Justice Roy Moore on Wednesday for disobeying a federal judge's order to move his Ten Commandments monument from the state courthouse rotunda — a defiant stand that Moore said was moral and lawful.

Moore argued he was upholding his oath of office and promises to Alabama voters when he refused to move the 5,300-pound monument.

"Not only did I fulfill what I told the people of Alabama I would do, I also had a duty to uphold the constitutions of the United States and the state of Alabama. They both acknowledge God," Moore said.

Attorney General Bill Pryor, who is prosecuting Moore, told the court they should remove the chief justice from office because of his "utterly unrepentant behavior."

It would take a unanimous vote from the Court of the Judiciary to remove Moore from office halfway into his six-year elected term.

The court is expected to announce a decision Thursday. BOB JOHNSON (AP)

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Historic Competition in La. Gov. Race

State will get its first non-white-male leader since Reconstruction

BATON ROUGE, LA. | The Louisiana governor's race poses a dilemma for Bubba, a term that is no insult in these parts: It will be a contest between a Cajun woman and the son of Indian immigrants.

No matter how pickup-driving conservative Southern white men vote Saturday, Louisiana will make history. The state has never had a woman governor and has not put a non-white in the office since Reconstruction.

The Republican candidate is Bobby Jindal, a 32-year-old former Rhodes Scholar who was an assistant health secretary under President Bush. The Democrat is Lt. Gov. Kathleen Blanco, a 60-year-old veteran of Louisiana politics who has served in state government for two decades.

Jindal appears to be leading in the all-important Bubba vote. Some rural men in pickup trucks have been swayed by Jindal's religious fervor, and their bumper stickers read "Bubbas for Bobby." Jindal, a Roman Catholic convert, has also rallied conservatives with radio ads deriding liberals and pushing guns and the Ten Commandments.

Several recent polls have shown Jindal holding slight leads, though one released Monday by Southeastern Louisiana University indicated a dead heat. ADAM NOSSITER (AP)

Cajun changes: Douglas Brinkley of the University of New Orleans takes your questions on Louisiana politics | Today at 10:30 a.m. at washingtonpost.com/liveonline

STANDOFF | RELEASED

LM OTERO/AP

OUT OF DANGER: Dallas police officers carry a child released during a nine-hour standoff with a gunman at an apartment complex on Wednesday. The gunman was killed and two other men were found dead in the apartment. A woman and seven children were freed unharmed. Police have not released a motive.

Study: No Big Ice Chunks in Moon's Polar Craters

The most exacting analysis yet of the moon's mysterious polar craters found no sign of the vast expanses of ice that scientists had hoped future lunar colonists could someday mine for precious, life-sustaining water.

The findings do not mean there is no ice in the permanently shaded craters. But if there is ice, researchers at Cornell University say, it is probably mixed into the lunar soil in widely scattered flecks or in thin layers.

The findings appear in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature. (AP)

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World

Italians Numbed By News

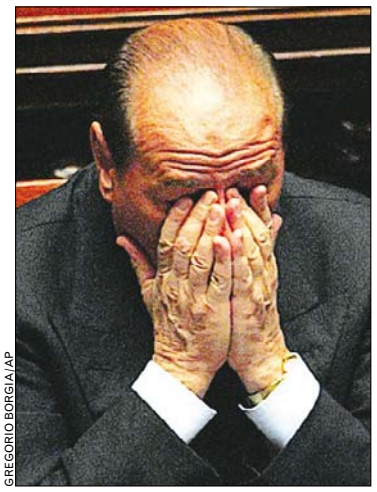
Debate quelled after 20 die in Iraq bombing

ROME | Italy mourned its single worst military loss since World War II on Wednesday after a truck bomb in Iraq killed at least 20 Italians.

Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi pledged that Italy would not be discouraged from its mission in Iraq, and described this as "a day in which political bickering should go silent."

The heated debates that usually mark Italian politics were muted Wednesday. But opposition leaders — offering strong condolences — hinted there would be questions later about the direction of the U.S.-led occupation.

"Today isn't the time for a critical reflection," center-left opposition leader Francesco Rutelli said. "That will have to be done in the coming days." TOM RACHMAN (AP)



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Berlusconi covers his face at the end of his speech to the Lower Chamber of Parliament in Rome on Wednesday.

Reverberations: The attack on the Italian police headquarters underlines the challenge the U.S. faces in bringing more foreign forces to Iraq | Today's Post: Section A

SOUTH KOREA | FLOUR POWER

AP/YONHAP

WHITE OUT: Police officers are covered with flour thrown by protesters in Kwangju on Wednesday. Thousands of workers walked off their jobs to protest what they called the government's hard-line labor policy, forcing the country's largest automaker, Hyundai Motor, to stop its assembly lines.

HEARSAY | BUSH AND THE BRITISH

"What bothers me is the fashionable anti-Americanism that's around."

—BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY JACK STRAW
TELLING THE BBC ON WEDNESDAY THAT WHILE PEOPLE WERE ENTITLED TO DEMONSTRATE AGAINST PRESIDENT BUSH WHEN HE VISITS LONDON NEXT WEEK, HE QUESTIONS WHY THEY DIDN'T PROTEST SADDAM HUSSEIN'S "BRUTAL, VICIOUS, HORRIBLE" REGIME.

World

In Brief

CHINA

Hong Kong Lawmakers Vote Down Elections Motion

Lawmakers on Wednesday voted down a motion calling for direct elections of Hong Kong's leader and all legislative seats. According to Hong Kong's mini-constitution, voters will be allowed to pick just 50 percent of all legislators in direct elections next year. Although part of China, a special arrangement with Beijing gives Hong Kong Western-style freedoms not granted on the communist mainland. (AP)

FRANCE

Court Convicts 3 For Looting $350M From State Oil Firm

A French court convicted three former executives Wednesday of helping loot $350 million from the Elf oil company to finance lavish lifestyles. Former Elf chairman Loik Le Floch-Prigent, 60, and senior director Alfred Sirven, 76, were given five-year prison terms for masterminding the mass embezzlement in the late 1980s and early 1990s, when Elf was under state ownership. (AP)

COLOMBIA

Armed Forces Chief Resigns

Gen. Jorge Enrique Mora, the commander of the country's armed forces, said Wednesday he is quitting. Mora's announcement came just days after Colombia's first female defense minister resigned after clashing openly with him and other senior military commanders. (AP)

AFGHANISTAN

Scientists Create Model of Destroyed Buddha Statue

Swiss-based scientists have created a model of a huge Buddha statue destroyed by the former Taliban regime in Afghanistan and said Wednesday they hope it will be used to rebuild the ancient figure. The team used special software to build the 3-D model, which represents the larger of two statues the hard-line Islamic group blew up in March 2001. The Taliban considered the statues — which were chiseled into the cliff more than 1,500 years ago — "idolatrous" and against the tenets of Islam. (AP)

Africa, War, and HIV: Rates have risen in nations where war is more common than peace | Today's Post: Section A

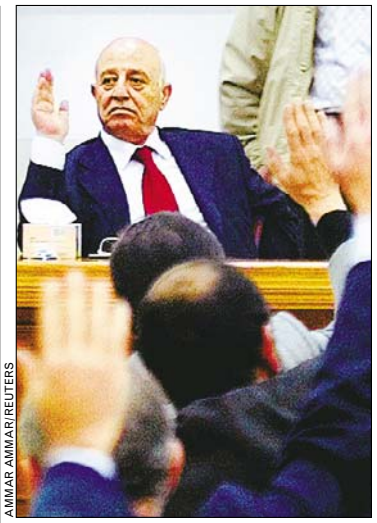
Arafat Swears In New Leadership

Stalemate over control of security forces ends, leaving him in charge

RAMALLAH, WEST BANK | Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat swore in a new Palestinian Cabinet on Wednesday, getting the government he wanted after a long wrangle and setting the stage for a renewed push to implement the stalled, U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan.

The approval of the cabinet, which won a vote of confidence from Palestinian legislators, ended a two-month stalemate that stymied efforts to implement the peace plan. Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia broke the stalemate Sunday by giving in to Arafat on the crucial question of who controls Palestinian security and police, leaving the veteran leader effectively in charge of most forces.

Israel and the United States, which accused Arafat of stoking terrorism, wanted the security agencies removed from his jurisdiction. But Israeli officials suggested Wednesday they primarily were interested in restoring quiet. "If the new Palestinian government is serious about pursuing peace and takes action to dismantle the infrastructure of terrorism, they will find Israel to be a real partner," Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom said. MOHAMMED DARAGHMED (AP)



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Qureia and others vote on the new cabinet during a parliamentary debate.

Critics: Few say the cabinet is likely to lay the groundwork for ending the three-year uprising | Today's Post: Section A

CHINA | PET SHOP

CLARO CORTES IV/REUTERS

WING DYNASTY: A man studies a caged bird for sale at a pet shop in Shanghai on Wednesday. Keeping birds as pets, popular in China in ancient times, is seeing a resurgence following decades of ideology that denounced such ownership as too bourgeois for common people.

BY THE NUMBERS: Riding a wave of tech-driven success, Indian workers raked in the heftiest pay raises in Asia during 2003, a study found. They received an average raise of 14 percent, almost twice as much as those in the Philippines.

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Region

Judge Upholds Malvo Jury Pool

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. | At teenage sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo's trial in Chesapeake, Circuit Judge Jane Marum Roush on Wednesday rejected a defense request to dismiss the jury pool of 28. Attorneys then took about 15 minutes to whittle the jury to 16 — nine women and seven men.

The Malvo jurors range in age from 22 to 70. Eleven are white, four are black and one is Asian.

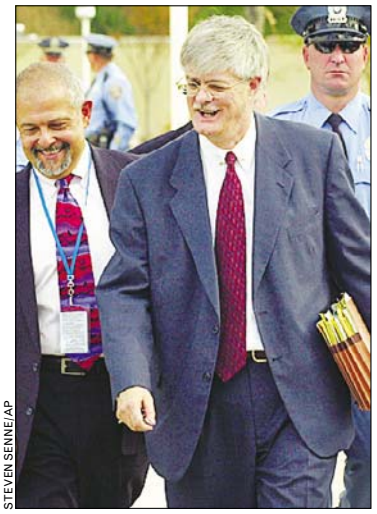
"We are very far ahead of where we thought we would be," Roush told the jurors. She sent them home before noon and told them to report to court Thursday morning for opening statements.

Malvo defense attorney Craig Cooley had told Roush that the pool of 28 was unfair because some potential jurors who oppose the death penalty were excluded.

Prosecutor Robert F. Horan Jr. responded: "The flip side of the coin is that a number of jurors were disqualified because they would only give death."

Muhammad and Malvo each face two counts of capital murder.

MATTHEW BARAKAT (AP)



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Lee Boyd Malvo attorney Craig Cooley, right, leaves the courthouse Wednesday.

The beginning: For the latest news from the opening arguments of Malvo's trial | washingtonpost.com/metro

P.I. Casts Doubt On Muhammad ID

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. | A private investigator cast doubt on a witness' identification of sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad on Wednesday as part of the two-hour defense phase of Muhammad's trial.

Defense testimony began after the judge in the Muhammad trial rejected his lawyers' motions to strike the death penalty from the jury's consideration.

The private investigator, John E. Nenna, discussed the testimony of Jerald Driscoll that he saw Muhammad at the scene of the Oct. 7, 2002, shooting of Iran Brown outside a Bowie, Md., middle school.

Driscoll testified that he saw Muhammad and a second person stopped at an intersection, with Muhammad's Chevrolet Caprice on the wrong side of the road. But Nenna said he re-created the scene as described by Driscoll, and said the witness would have been too far away to see Muhammad's face.

Muhammad, 42, is on trial in the Oct. 9, 2002, slaying of Dean Harold Meyers outside a Manassas-area gas station. MATTHEW BARAKAT (AP)

Suspicious Letter Sent to Wash. Post

WASHINGTON | Letters containing a suspicious white powder were delivered to The Washington Post, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta and at least two other locations. All tested negative for anthrax or other pathogens, the FBI said Wednesday.

Debbie Weierman, spokeswoman for the FBI's Washington field office, said all the letters appeared to be identical.

"The content of each letter is anti-American and pro-Muslim," she said.

Letters also were delivered to a Long Island, N.Y., cable TV station and a Denver location that Weierman said was believed to be a radio station. (AP)

Region

Officials Tour Cleaned Up Brentwood Mail Facility

WASHINGTON | Two members of Congress joined District of Columbia officials Wednesday for a tour of a massive mail-handling plant where two U.S. Postal Service employees died after handling anthrax-laced letters bound for Capitol Hill.

Since last December, the federal government has spent $130 million decontaminating and renovating the Brentwood mail facility.

"Every cent has been well spent, and we've got to make people understand that it's safe to come in here and buy stamps, get mail and, yes, even work here eight hours a day," said Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton, D-DC. Joining Norton on the tour was Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va.

MANUEL BALCE CENETA/AP

Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton, Rep. Tom Davis, right, and postal manager Jerry Lane tour Brentwood on Wednesday.

Contractors expect to turn the building over to the postal service Nov. 28. Counter service could begin by mid-December, with mail sorting operations possible by early January.

DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

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Money

Microsoft Begins Defense Abroad

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM | Microsoft Corp. began its defense against European antitrust charges on Wednesday, the start of a three-day, closed-door hearing, optimistic that a deal could still be reached.

Meanwhile, in a potentially new front, European Union antitrust officials are pursuing charges from rivals earlier this year that the company's latest desktop operating system, Windows XP, is designed to help extend Microsoft's dominance into new markets such as instant-messaging, e-mail and hand-held devices like mobile phones, sources said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Spokeswomen both from Microsoft and the European Commission refused to comment.

Microsoft faces charges that it is illegally trying to extend its Windows operating system dominance into the market for servers, which tie desktop computers together, as well as into so-called media players, which play music and video on computers.

The European Commission is expected to issue its decision in the case next spring unless a settlement is reached. PAUL GEITNER (AP)

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UNITED AIRLINES/AP

WHO'S TED? United Airlines said Wednesday its new discount airline, part of the company's strategy for emerging from bankruptcy, will be called "Ted" — as in the last three letters of the company's name. A drawing shows the new airline's paint scheme. Ted will start flying in February.

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Sprint Adds Real-Time TV Service for Cell Phones

Sprint Corp. is adding a television service for cell phones with real-time programs, albeit somewhat choppy, from cable networks including CNBC and ABC News. The new MobiTV service, available starting Thursday, will cost $9.99 per month in addition to the monthly fee that subscribers pay to use the Internet on their cell phones. (AP)

BENEFITS

High Court Upholds Social Security Disability Ruling

The Supreme Court ruled unanimously Wednesday that the federal government does not owe financial subsidies to people whose physical or mental disabilities allow them to do only jobs that no longer exist. The court ruled in the case of a disabled former elevator operator who applied for federal Social Security disability payments after her employer installed new elevators and eliminated her job in 1995. (AP)

LAW

Mortgage Company To Set Up Compensation Fund

Utah-based mortgage company Fairbanks Capital Corp. will set up a $40 million fund to compensate tens of thousands of customers and settle government allegations of abusive practices. The company did not admit guilt in the settlement, which is subject to court approval. (AP)

China Goes on U.S. Buying Spree

New contracts target U.S. unhappiness over widening trade deficit

WASHINGTON | In a buying spree aimed at easing trade tensions with the United States, China signed contracts worth $1.7 billion on Wednesday with Boeing and General Electric to buy 30 Boeing 737 planes for five Chinese airlines. GE will supply the engines.

China also signed contracts with GE's Aircraft Engines division to supply engines for a regional aircraft China is developing. The engines could be worth as much as $3 billion over 20 years, officials said.

The announcements follow earlier word that Detroit's Big Three automakers have reached trade pacts with China that will allow them to export thousands of vehicles and increase their stakes in a growing automotive market that could become the world's largest.

The deals reflect a loosening of import restrictions by the Chinese government as it seeks to blunt growing unhappiness in Congress and the White House over a widening U.S. trade deficit with China. U.S. officials have pressured Beijing to meet market-opening pledges and ease a trade surplus with the United States that hit $103 billion last year. MATTHEW DALY (AP)

WHO KNEW? China is expected this year to pass Germany as the world's third-largest vehicle market and is the fastest-growing aviation market in the world. (AP)

Stocks Bounce Back After Declines

NEW YORK | Wall Street broke out of its slump Wednesday, surging higher after a forecasted jump in semiconductor sales gave investors a reason buy after three days of declines. The Dow Jones industrials rose more than 110 points, while the Nasdaq composite index gained more than 2 percent.

Larger-cap stocks led the day, including technology bellwethers IBM Corp. and Intel Corp., which benefited from the Gartner Inc. forecast. Traders attributed some of the momentum to the week's slow start; the bond markets were closed Tuesday for Veterans Day.

Fueling Wednesday's tech rally, market research firm Gartner said it expects worldwide semiconductor sales to increase more than 20 percent next year. MEG RICHARDS (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
CorusGr	5.40	+1.17	+27.7
HeclaM	6.76	+.87	+14.8
Coeur	3.92	+.50	+14.6
Primedia	3.10	+.39	+14.4
ChiYuc	30.23	+3.53	+13.2

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Friedmans	7.31	-4.68	-39.0
SCPIE	9.68	-1.12	-10.4
BushInd	3.65	-.34	-8.5
BP Pru	22.00	-1.41	-6.0
Oneida	4.57	-.21	-4.4

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
MKTG rs	8.40	+2.30	+37.7
MonCap	7.93	+1.99	+33.5
LatCom	3.89	+.84	+27.5
AndrGr	6.25	+1.32	+26.8
Kirlin rs	16.50	+3.20	+24.1

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
CritPath rs	2.35	-.50	-17.5
ClickCm s	6.80	-1.05	-13.4
EvrgrSlr	2.27	-.34	-13.1
Vernalis	2.47	-.36	-12.7
P&F	8.00	-1.10	-12.1

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STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
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30-year	5.21	5.13

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	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
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European Euro	.8596	.8689	.9882
Japanese Yen	108.75	108.67	119.64
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Sports

Davis Ready for Revenge

Former Redskin says Spurrier held back production last season

PRO FOOTBALL | Stephen Davis dodged right, then left, squirming just a little bit from the pressure.

No matter what he did, Carolina's running back couldn't duck questions about facing the Washington Redskins and coach Steve Spurrier this week.

Released in the offseason by the Redskins, few believed Davis Wednesday when he claimed Sunday's game against Washington wasn't that big a deal. His steely stare said otherwise, and his desire to avoid questions about Spurrier confirmed it. The longer he stood in front of his locker, the easier it became to get the truth out of him.

"I didn't get the opportunity last year, he didn't give me the turns," he said.

Spurrier denied the claim.

"I wouldn't say that — the first game of the season he ran for over 100 yards and we threw for over 300 and everyone was as happy as could be," he said. "Things after that didn't work out quite as well."

JENNA FRYER (AP)

CHUCK BURTON/AP

Stephen Davis has almost 1,000 yards in eight games for the Carolina Panthers.

Turning Point: Mark Maske discusses Sunday's game between the 4-5 Redskins and the 7-2 Panthers | washingtonpost.com/liveonline at 10:45 a.m.

Managers Pena, McKeon Honored With MLB Awards

PRO BASEBALL | Jack McKeon was voted National League Manager of the Year after turning around Florida Marlins' season, and Tony Pena won the American League honor for keeping the Kansas City Royals in contention until the season's final week.

McKeon received 19 of 32 first-place votes and 116 points in balloting released Wednesday by the Baseball Writers' Association of America, becoming the first manager to win the award after taking over a team during the season.

He also won the award with Cincinnati in 1999.

Pena was an overwhelming choice for the AL award, getting 24 first-place votes. (AP)

BY THE NUMBERS: John Elway and Barry Sanders head the list, released Wednesday, of the 25 semi-finalists nominated for induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2004.

In Brief

DOPING

4 American Runners Test Positive for New Steroid

Four American track and field athletes have tested positive for the steroid THG after backup B samples confirmed positive A tests. The International Association of Athletics Federations, the sport's world governing body, confirmed the results Wednesday but said it did not know the identity of the four. The four are entitled to a hearing before the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency and face a possible two-year ban. (AP)

PRO BASEBALL

Report: Rangers Listening To Trade Offers for A-Rod

The Texas Rangers are willing to field trade offers for star shortstop Alex Rodriguez, The New York Times reported Wednesday. Rodriguez has seven years and $179 million remaining on the record $252 million contract he signed with Texas before the 2001 season. He also has a no-trade clause, which he would have to waive before any potential deal could be completed. (AP)

Rodriguez

PRO FOOTBALL

QB Wright Will Start For Ravens Against Dolphins

Anthony Wright will start at quarterback for the Baltimore Ravens on Sunday, jumping from third string to replace the injured Kyle Boller. Wright's start against the Miami Dolphins will be his first since 2001, when he played in four games with Dallas. Ravens coach Brian Billick said that Wright was chosen over Chris Redman because of his mobility in the pocket. (AP)

ENTERTAINMENT

Former Heavyweight Boxer Sues Stallone Over 'Rocky'

Former heavyweight boxer Chuck Wepner is suing actor Sylvester Stallone for a share of the profits from the "Rocky" movies, claiming the series was based on Wepner's career. Wepner, who went nearly 15 rounds in a 1975 loss to Muhammad Ali, claims in a lawsuit filed Wednesday in Superior Court in Jersey City that Stallone repeatedly credits that fight as the inspiration for the film. (AP)

NFL | HE'S BACK

JOHN BAZEMORE/AP

STEPPING STONE: Atlanta Falcons QB Michael Vick practiced Wednesday for the first time since breaking his leg.

Terps, Cavs Haunted by Uneven Play

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | They opened the season with two straight defeats, stumbled horribly in a 7-3 loss to Georgia Tech and haven't been in the Top 25 since August.

And yet, incredibly, the Maryland Terrapins are still in position to earn a share of the Atlantic Coast Conference title and play in a bowl game on New Year's Day.

"The way this ACC is playing out, anybody can end up anywhere," said Maryland coach Ralph Friedgen. The Terrapins (6-3, 3-2) must beat Virginia (5-4, 3-3) Thursday night to remain in contention for the ACC crown.

JOHN MCDONNELL/TWP

Virginia's Matt Schaub throws a pass in a September win for the Cavaliers.

Virginia has thus far experienced a similar season. After starting 4-1, the Cavaliers have lost three of four to sink into the middle of the pack in the ACC.

Despite their uneven play, Virginia is closing in on another bowl bid. Also, Virginia has won 12 of the last 15 meetings with Maryland.

A year ago, Maryland needed a victory over Virginia to keep pace with Florida State atop the ACC. The Cavaliers rolled to a 48-13 rout that ended the Terrapins' eight-game winning streak and left Friedgen with a lasting, bitter memory.

"It still bothers me," he said.

DAVID GINSBURG (AP)

Group Fights Beer Ads in College Games

ADVERTISING | A consumer group known for criticizing the fat in things like movie theater popcorn, fast food and pizza has a new target: alcohol advertising in college sports.

The Center for Science in the Public Interest kicked off a campaign Wednesday aimed at getting colleges and universities, athletic conferences and the NCAA to stop taking money from alcohol advertisers.

George Hacker, director of the CSPI's alcohol policies project, charged that beer marketers are clearly targeting underage drinkers, a point the alcohol industry disputed. (AP)

Today's TV Lineup

COLLEGE FOOTBALL (7:45 p.m. on ESPN) Heated ACC rivals Virginia (5-4) and Maryland (6-3) play.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (7 p.m. on ESPN) The Coaches vs. Cancer Classic, featuring Memphis and Wake Forest, followed by Marquette vs. St. John's.

PRO BASKETBALL (7:30 p.m. on TNT) The Houston Rockets (5-1) face the Dallas Mavericks (5-3).

PRO BASKETBALL (10 p.m. on TNT) The Sacramento Kings and Portland Trail Blazers are off to 4-3 starts.

MEN'S TENNIS (1 p.m. on ESPN and 3 p.m. on ESPN2) More round-robin action from the Tennis Masters Cup in Houston.

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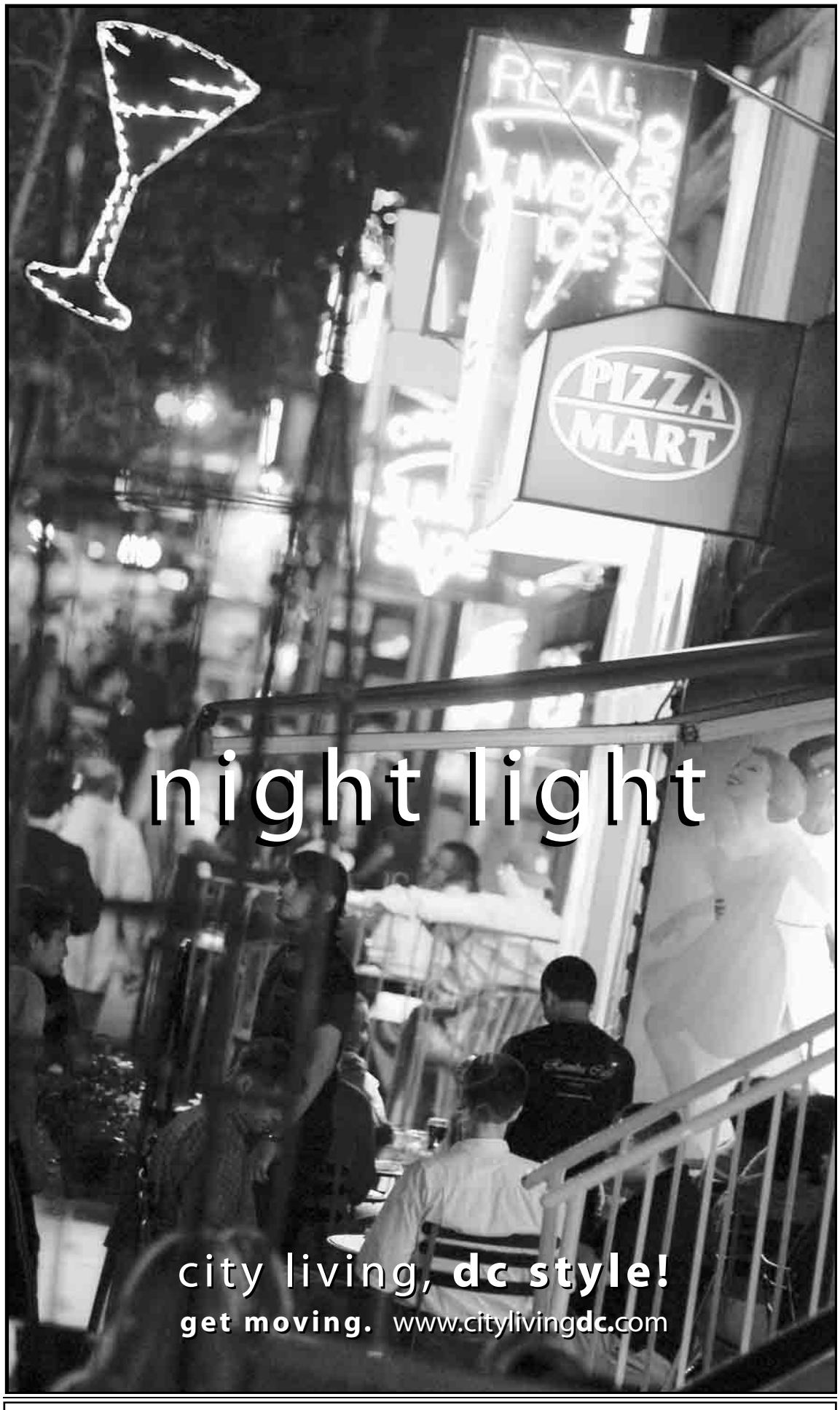

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Lookout

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MOO-LA: Cattle ranchers are riding the Atkins diet all the way to the bank.

Protein Profits

The beef industry is getting fat on popular low-carb lifestyles

TRENDS | Until recently, a lanky Texan like Paul Genho had little interest in celebrity doctors and their diet trends. But thanks to the toppled food pyramid advised by the low-carbohydrate Atkins and South Beach diets, red meat sales are up again.

"Beef is hot, beef is back," said Genho, manager of the 825,000-acre King Ranch, one of the country's top beef producers. "People are sick of chicken."

Breed bulls are going for $40,000 and live cattle prices were recently trading over $1 a pound.

"Eighty cents is considered healthy," Genho said, noting that a few years ago, prices were in the 50-cent range.

Diets can't take all the credit for the increase. A mad-cow disease scare closed off the Canadian supply, so steak distributors worldwide turned to the U.S. market, where there were no reports of the sickness. The two countries are the major suppliers of grain-fed beef, which consumers prefer to grass-fed beef. Droughts around the United States also have thinned cattle herds, so supply is down.

Still, the effect the diets are having on prices can't be understated, said Ann Barnhardt, an analyst with the livestock research firm Hedgersedge.com. "I credit a lot of that to the Atkins diet," she said.

Sales are soaring for books such as "Atkins for Life" and "The South Beach Diet," which reverse decades of dietary advice and say the way to lose weight is to cut out carbohydrates in favor of more protein. Many dieters say they've quickly lost weight on the diets.

But people would be back to beef even if there weren't a dietary license, trend analyst Gerald Celente said. He said people are tired of depriving themselves after two years of a weak economy and worries about terrorism.

"Beef is also a comfort food," Celente said.

The theory behind popular low-carb diets is that the body too quickly converts carbohydrates into ready energy, ignoring existing fuel stored as fat.

The nutritional value of such diets is still under discussion by the medical community and the government. The U.S. Department of Agriculture is fielding public comments on its food pyramid — which for years has advocated more carbohydrates and fewer servings of meat — and will in 2005 release a revised set of recommendations. Until then, a spokesman said, it's too soon to comment.

In the meantime, many ranchers are making the most of the situation.

"They're paying everything off, preparing for the future," Genho said. LYNN BREZOSKY (AP)

Sour dough: Bakers respond as bread falls out of favor | Weekend Pass, page 23

Entertainment

WeekendPass

STEVE ZHAO

WHEN BUDDHISTS ATTACK: Shaolin Warriors begin training in the balletic martial art of wushu — meditation, hand-to-hand combat and defensive skills — very young.

Bring Da Noise, Bring Da Monk

The Shaolin Warriors put on a bravura display

STAGE | It sounds like a movie: Monks trained in the venerable art of kung fu can pounce like animals, use their opponents' aggression against them and fight with any of more than 20 weapons.

The Shaolin Warriors are a group of 24 Chinese monks proficient in this dazzling kung fu offshoot called *wushu* who tour the globe demonstrating a mastery of mind and body in a breathtaking display of grace and skill.

The technique was developed during China's fraught feudal years. The monks channel hours of meditation into use on the field of battle, a method called *Ch'an*. They incorporate difficult stunts into everyday tasks such as sweeping floors, and they study hand-to-hand combat with ordinary weapons such as the ax, cudgel, spear, dart and dagger, and ones whose names alone strike fear into aggressors' hearts: the black tiger hammer, plum-blossom broadsword, tiger hook. They are men of peace who are so not to be messed with.

The men and children of the Shaolin Warriors bring their unstoppable fighting technique to GWU for a bravura display of mock fighting and jaw-dropping stunts (standing on blades), choreographed to produce a seamless flow of bodies in precise motion against striking, simple backdrops. Just don't pick a fight with one of the performers in the parking lot afterwards; we guarantee you'll lose. (EXPRESS)

George Washington University, Lisner Auditorium, Sat., Nov. 15, 7 p.m.; Sun., Nov. 16, 2 p.m., $25-$45; 202-785-9727 or wpas.org.

Man in the Mirror: Two local artists take an unflinching look at themselves in a new show.

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Dry Season: The Spy Museum explores the lure of the espionage world's cocktail of choice: the martini.

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Whigs, Out: Dulli's Twilight Singers

Greg Dulli's literate punk-soul outfit, Aghan Whigs, enchanted fans but never made Dulli the global rock icon his superstar persona promised. His new project, Twilight Singers, might be the ticket to dating Drew Barrymore he needs.

Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; Fri., Nov. 14, 9:30 p.m., $12; 202-667-7960. (U St.-Cardozo)

Fresh Start: Rancid Tour

Punk revivalists Rancid brought danger back into what had become a woefully toothless genre. Rancid has lost a few of its own teeth in the last few years, but a tour with Epitaph's bright lights the Slackers might revitalize the band.

Nation, 1015 Half St. SE; Fri., Nov. 14, 6 p.m., $16.50; 202-432-7328. (Navy Yard)

LYNEE GELLER

Despite their name, the Slackers work hard at making ska-reggae-soul-jazz.

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Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; Sun., Nov. 16, 3 p.m., $17-$50; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom)

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Seeing Your Self

Two young D.C.-area artists salvage the art of the self-portrait

GALLERIES | The art of portrait painting is rather out of style among young contemporary artists, unless the sitters are grotesque, imaginary or so famous as to render the reproduction of their very images ironic.

But for a couple of young local talents now on display at Fraser Gallery, the mirror is fraught with enough love, loathing and history to feed the painters' sense of drama as well as their aesthetic needs.

Scott Hutchison creates unflinching, dramatic portraits of himself, some in extreme close-up, in an ancient-church-walls palette of grays, browns and blues, and paints female nudes, truncated Courbet-style or elongated, in brilliant rich pastels.

Caroline Danforth uses her brush with as much agility as she twists and poses. Her small oils on wood focus on the sinuous, sinewy curve of her spine or her broad, frank facial features, and she mixes the tender pinky-beige of her flesh-tones with a poisonous green for the shadows.

COURTESY OF FRASER GALLERY

Scott Hutchison's crazed but keen "Self (Eyes)," one in his series of unflinching, dramatic self-portraits.

These artists are finding new ways to observe the human body using a most old-fashioned technique. (EXPRESS)

Fraser Gallery Bethesda, 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Suite E, Bethesda; show opens Fri., Nov. 14; gallery hours Tues.-Sat., 11:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; 301-718-9651.

LIVE MUSIC | SPEAK UP

JEFF REYNOLDS/AP

BEACH BONGO: As in super-def, not tone-deaf, the Sacramento, Calif., quartet Deftones make the smartest, most listenable punk-metal around. Nation, 1015 Half St. SE; Sat., Nov. 15, 6 p.m., $28.50; 202-554-1500.

Friday in The Washington Post

The Powder List
Ski season is zooshing toward us; we've got tips on where the slopes are and how to learn, from bunny to black diamond. | *Weekend*

Let's Hear It for the Boy
Peter Marks weighs in on Boy George's "Taboo," a musical about the life of painters' muse and club king Leigh Bowery. | *Style*

The Son Also Rises
Confessional singer-songwriter Rufus Wainwright opens up to Richard Harrington about fame, family and Wal-Mart. | *Weekend*

Finding God
Carolyn See reviews Kathryn Harrison's "The Road to Santiago," the story of the author's spiritual pilgrimage. | *Style*

Lover's Lament

MUSIC | While rhymers like Jay-Z and Ja Rule might possess more commanding monikers, Atmosphere's Slug isn't the plodding low-life his name suggests.

After years on the indie scene, his rising hip-hop outfit landed at punk powerhouse Epitaph Records, which dropped its first-ever rap album with Atmo's "Seven's Travels."

The emotive 19-track collection includes a hidden jam giving props to their frosty home state of Minnesota, although Slug comically admits in the tune that he "couldn't figure out much to brag about."

Most of Atmosphere's songs drip with lover's lament; Slug wittily rhymes on his relationships more often than 50 Cent spits about sidearms. The other half of this thriving duo is Ant, a beatmaker who deftly selects the choicest rock and soul vinyl slabs for sampling purposes. Because Ant prefers the shadows to the limelight, Slug tours with the absolutely frightening-looking, but highly skilled, DJ Mr. Dibbs.

It's a potent combo that guarantees a sweat-drenched set with plenty of crowd interaction and a legion of smitten females waiting to get a word — or more — with Slug when the tunes cease. CRAIG SMITH

Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; Sat., Nov. 15, 9:30 p.m., $15-$17; 202-667-7960. (U St.-Cardozo)

DAN MONICK/COURTESY EPITAPH

I said hey/It's slimy in here/There must be a Slug (foreground) in the Atmosphere.

TopStops

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Swing Low: Jazz Trio
Jazz legends unite for one swingtastic trio — singer-pianist Patti Wicks, D.C.'s very own bassist Keter Betts and the one and only Bob Dorough, the impish and idiomatic singer-pianist you young folk may only know as the voice of "Schoolhouse Rock." Prepare for dazzling improvisation among these seasoned hands.

Corcoran Gallery, 500 17th St. NW; Sat., 15, 7 p.m., $20; 202-639-1700. (Farragut West)

Fool Britannia: Shaw's 'Heartbreak'
An English country house, an eccentric family, zany servants and confused guests — George Bernard Shaw's "Heartbreak House" has all the elements of a comedy but is actually an indictment of young Britons' complacency, a sense of social smugness that, Shaw argues, led the country into the Great War. Through Dec. 14.

Round House Theatre, East-West Highway at Waverly Street, Bethesda; $29-$39; 240-644-1100. (Bethesda)

The Coolest Cat: Sammy Davis Jr. Talk
Biographer Wil Haygood, author of "Sammy Davis Jr. in Black and White," talks about the entertainer's unusual childhood (he was in his father's minstrel show at the age of 3) and unprecedented success as a singer, dancer and multi-minority in a period not reticent about its prejudices. Haywood will be joined by Evelyn Cunningham.

Baird Auditorium, 10th Street and Constitution Avenue; Thu., Nov. 13, 7 p.m., $11-$15; 202-357-3030. (Smithsonian)

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Wherever they came from, these pornographic shorts offer a resourceful and amusing variety of get-togethers, as well as plenty of those impish, scantily-clad coquettes in which the French — God love 'em — specialize.

Visions will present all 12 shorts on one reel for the edification and historical interest of parties over the age of 18 years with a valid ID. (EXPRESS)

Visions Cinema, 1927 Florida Ave. NW; opens Fri., Nov. 14, 202-667-0090. (Dupont Circle)

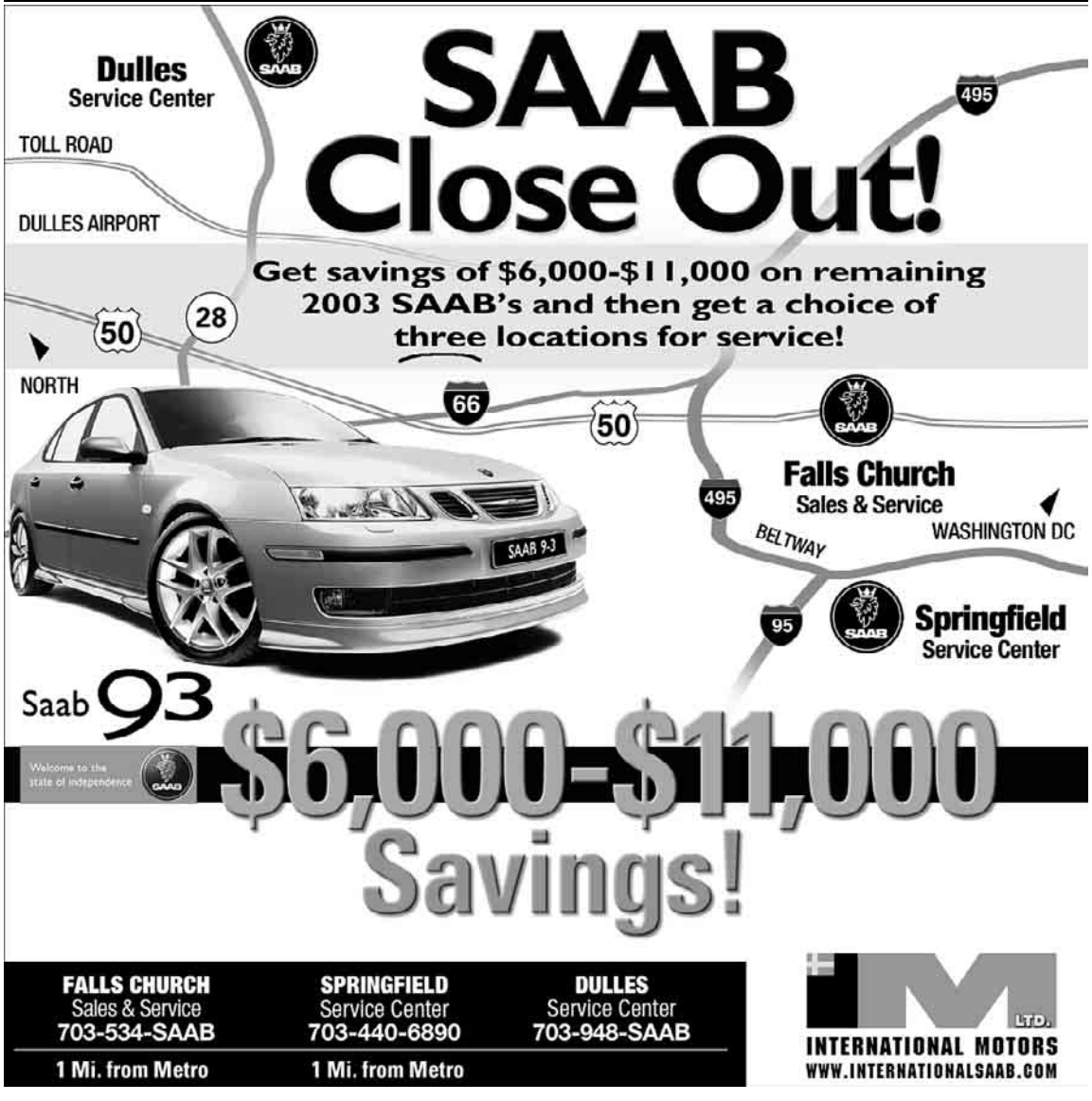
COURTESY OF VISIONS

SOMEONE'S IN FOR A SPANKING: A gentlemen and two acquaintances who cannot be described as ladies prepare to cavort in "The Good Old Naughty Days."

LIVE MUSIC | ROCKIN' ROBINELLA

COURTESY SHOREFIRE MEDIA

WHEN BILLIE MET DOLLY: Robinella of Robinella and the CC Stringband sings as sultry as a summer's day and sweet as sugar candy, while the band makes over country and jazz traditions. With Adrien Young. Iota, 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; Thu., Nov. 13, 9 p.m., $10; 703-522-8340.



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His wildly popular books, such as "Cathedral" and "Pyramid," have unlocked the mysteries of engineering and architecture for countless relentlessly curious kids, to the relief of clueless parents everywhere.

On Sunday Macaulay visits the (where else?) National Building Museum to discuss the building of large structures and the writing of nifty books. Also, museum staffers will have building activities on hand for younger kids.

Macaulay's timely new offering, "Mosque," imagines and illustrates the construction of a 16th-century Ottoman place of worship, layer by layer.

The book's meticulous illustrations effortlessly reveal not just how but also why a mosque has a domed roof, minarets and is orientated toward Mecca.

In the process, readers learn about not only the faith practices of Muslims but also daily concerns like schools, soup kitchens, baths and tombs. Then a funny thing happens on the way to the mosque: Young readers realize that Muslims are a lot like other human beings. Radical, indeed. BOB MASSEY

National Building Museum, 401 F St. NW; signings at 4 and 6:30 p.m., discussion begins at 5 p.m., $17, $5 children 17 and under; 202-272-2448. (Judiciary Square)

COURTESY OF HOUGHTON MIFFLIN

A visiting British sailor observes the construction of the muezzin's balcony.

Do That Voodoo

MUSIC | Sure, the stank wafting out the doors of the 9:30 this weekend will be more pungent than your typical D.C. jazz club odors. But you'd be remiss if you let all the unwashed hippies stop you from seeing Galactic, one of the best jazz-funk outfits in the country.

Galactic, whose six-man lineup includes D.C. natives Jeff Raines and Robert Mercurio, has been heralded by both unkempt jam-band groupies and hip jazz aficionados for its ability to lay tight riffs over deep grooves in a style it calls "voodoo funk," and for avoiding the insipid noodling that plagues many of its contemporaries.

On its latest album, "Ruckus," acclaimed hip-hop producer Dan "The Automator" Nakamura leads Galactic into uncharted territory with concise songs, catchy hooks and a style that demands your attention.

Not many bands require a two-night stand at such a spacious venue, but Galactic usually fills the house. And just kidding about the "unwashed" business; what we really can't stand are those stupid Birkenstocks. PETER DENTON

9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Fri.-Sat., Nov. 14-15, $25; 703-218-6500. (U St.-Cardozo)

DOWN WITH THE CREDENZA PATRIARCHY: Thrifty Galactic shares one tiny table.

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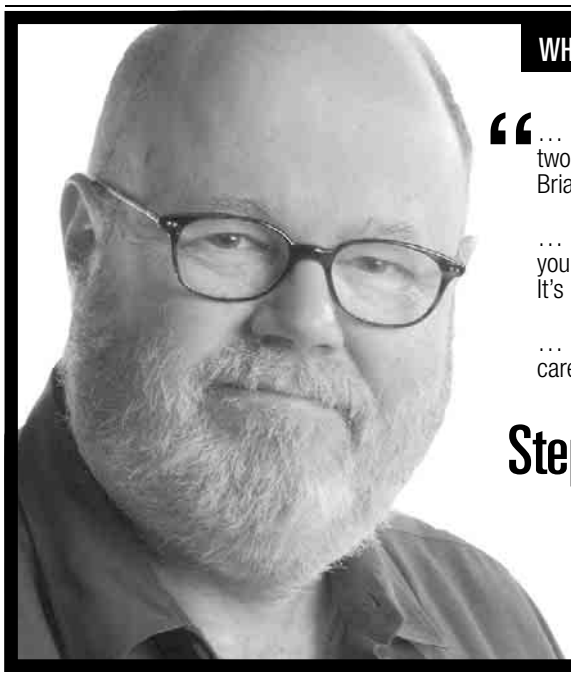

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COLD WAR: Martini #1: "You have the password?" Martini #2: "Frilly toothpick."

The Silver Bullet

OUT & ABOUT | Look, we hate to be all quibbly, but James Bond drank his vodka martinis with a pickled onion, not an olive, and that makes his drink of choice a Gibson, not technically a martini. Don't kill the messenger, OK?

Still, what cocktail is more closely associated with the world of espionage than that deceptive beauty, the martini?

It's as clear and sparkling as fresh water, but packs the wallop of a freight train; it contains a total of two vital ingredients, but its ultimate concoction is the stuff of fisticuffs among bartenders, historians and drinkers.

It can be British (gin) or Russian (vodka) and its very mutability raises the question of which version the Cambridge Spies — the immortal villains Kim Philby, Guy Burgess, Donald MacLean and Anthony Blunt — drank while pimping England's secrets to the commies.

Plus — yum.

At the International Spy Museum, Dale DeGroff, mixologist extraordinaire and author of the lavishly illustrated "Art of the Cocktail," demystifies the sacred libation while the Zola bartenders make with the 'tinis and caviar. Jazz will play, the drink will go down like ice water from the fountain of youth and if you're in the right seat, a man in a topcoat and snap-brim fedora might offer you a deal. Shaken or stirred? We're both. (EXPRESS)

International Spy Museum, 800 F St. NW; Thu., Nov. 13, 6:30 p.m., $50, registration required; 202-432-7328. (Gallery Place -Chinatown)

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Get a Jump: Museum Shop Around

Ladies and gentlemen, start your credit cards. For the "Museum Shop Around," the National Building Museum, Corcoran Gallery, Library of Congress and Freer Gallery are toting their respective gift-shop contents to Strathmore Hall, the easier for you to do all your holiday shopping under one convenient roof. We've been coveting the Freer's jade chopstick sets, hint hint.

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Make Way for Dumplings

CZECH FOOD | For music, art, architecture or history, few cities surpass Prague. But the City of a Hundred Spires isn't usually cited as a destination for gastronomes. Still, there's plenty to savor here beyond the celebrated towers and steeples.

Sweet knedliky, for example, is a winning Czech dumpling. The dough can be made with semolina flour and cottage cheese, quark (a slightly tangy curd cheese) or cooked potatoes.

In this version, whole fruits, particularly small oval plums or sour cherries, are wrapped inside quark-based dough and then boiled. Browned butter and cinnamon-scented powdered sugar are then spooned over the hot dumplings.

Wondra flour is the best substitute for Czech coarse-grained flour. Mildly tangy Czech quark is generally not available in the United States. Substitute Italian mascarpone with a few drops of lemon juice, or use half mascarpone and half fromage blanc.

Czechs sometimes eat six to eight fruit dumplings as a main course. For dessert, two to three dumplings per person will do.

JOANNA PRUESS (AP)

The shape of things: Critic Tom Sietsema checks in with The Oval Room, downtown lunch spot of the rich and powerful. In The Washington Post Sunday Magazine.

Olga's Fruit Dumplings With Cheese Dough

AP

1/2 pound coarse-grained flour
4 ounces mascarpone cheese
4 ounces fromage blanc
1 egg
Pinch salt
1/4 cup milk
8 to 10 small Italian plums, halved and pitted, or 16 tiny unpitted whole plums
2 tablespoons granulated sugar
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
Powdered sugar
4 ounces (1 stick) unsalted butter
Mascarpone, to garnish

- Mix the flour, cheeses, egg and salt together in a bowl. Add milk by the tablespoonful until the dough becomes smooth and soft, but not sticky. Cover and refrigerate to rest for at least 20 minutes.
- Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil.
- Dust a large workspace with a little coarse-grained flour. Roll the dough into a 12-inch square. Using a sharp knife or pizza cutter, cut the dough into 16 squares.
- For each dumpling, dip the cut side of each half plum into a little of the granulated sugar and place it in the center of the dough. If using whole plums, sprinkle on a little sugar. Pinch the corners together, then roll the dough between your palms so that the fruit is completely enclosed.
- When all the dumplings are made, slowly drop them into the boiling water (not all at once) and boil for 5 to 7 minutes, turning them from time to time. After they rise to the surface, they should cook 1 or 2 minutes longer.
- Remove with a slotted spoon, letting all the water fall back into the pot. Serve on small plates.
- In a small skillet, cook the butter over medium-high heat until nut-brown in color. Sprinkle powdered sugar over the dumplings, add a spoonful of butter, a dollop of mascarpone and serve.

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Is potato gnocchi easier to make than homemade pasta?

Many pasta-challenged cooks (myself included) will tell you that it is. You'll need a ricer or food mill, though.

Can you give me some good ideas on what to do with pears?

Have you ever poached them? Fab, fab. So easy, too. First, peel and core the pears. Slice off the bottoms to make them flat. Stand them in a mixture of red wine, sugar, cinnamon stick, vanilla bean and cloves; cook over low heat until tender. Pears also are great in a salad with spinach, nuts of your choice and some stinky blue cheese.

What's the difference between grits and polenta?

Depends on how you define grits. There's corn grits and there's hominy grits. Both are made from white corn, and hominy is dried kernels treated with alkali. So, the big difference between polenta and grits is that polenta is made from yellow cornmeal, not white. However, polenta can be made from other meals, including buckwheat, chestnut and other stuff.

I don't drink wine, only buy it to cook with. Can I freeze leftover wine to use later in recipes?

I would rather that you put it in the fridge than the freezer. It will keep for a while that way. The freezer could destroy it.

House of Carbs

BREAD | A sign in Stephen Lanzalotta's Portland, Maine, bakery reads, "Senza il pane tutto diventa orfano." Which means, "Without bread everyone's an orphan."

But fewer customers are buying his European-style breads and pastries these days — thanks to the Atkins diet. Lanzalotta says the low-carb diet has contributed to an estimated 40 percent drop in business at his shop, Sophia's.

Bakers around the country are seeing a similar drop in business. With millions of people trying the diet created by the late Dr. Robert Atkins, overall bread sales are flat or down slightly. The National Bread Leadership Council says 40 percent of Americans are eating less bread than a year ago.

At Portland's Standard Baking, co-owner Alison Pray said sales are nearly flat after previously growing 10 percent to 15 percent a year. "This one person asked me, 'Can you make a low-carbohydrate bread?' I said, 'I wouldn't know how to do it,'" she said.

Other bakers are changing their products in an attempt to keep up. Flowers Foods' low-carb bread, "Nature's Own Wheat 'n Fiber," has proven to be the company's most successful new product launch to date. George Weston Bakeries Inc. has launched "Carb Counting" bread under its Arnold label that carries the Atkins seal. Maine-based Lepage Bakeries has introduced Country Kitchen "Lower Carb" wheat bread.

The Panera Bread chain is also making changes. The company is testing three whole-grain breads with fewer grams of carbohydrates per slice. "Our view of it is not to resist [the low-carb trend] but to recognize it as a real niche," CEO Ron Shaich said. DAVID SHARP (AP)

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Atkins dieters are abandoning breads at Standard Baking in Portland, Maine.

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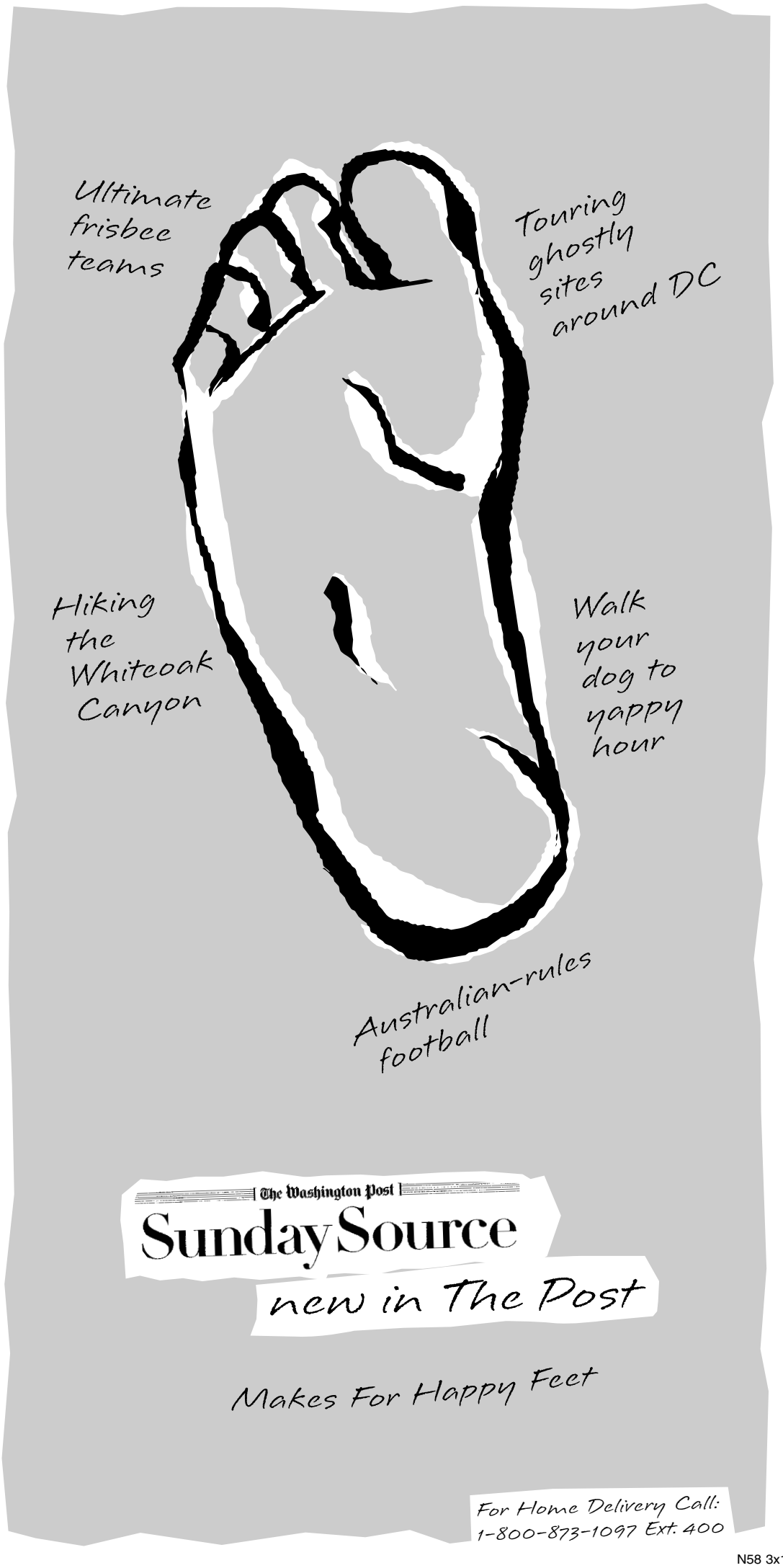

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—Natalie Cruz
Fairfax, Va.

I DON'T THINK LETTER-WRITER Tsvetana Bruser (Nov. 12) knows that the only way to have taxes withheld is to provide your employer with a Social Security number or have a valid green card. The jobs that illegal immigrants normally get often pay in cash, so they are not making Social Security or Medicare payments. They don't pay taxes that go toward funding schools or roads or anything else. The only contribution that they make is when they spend money and pay sales taxes on the items they buy.

—Thomas Quarles
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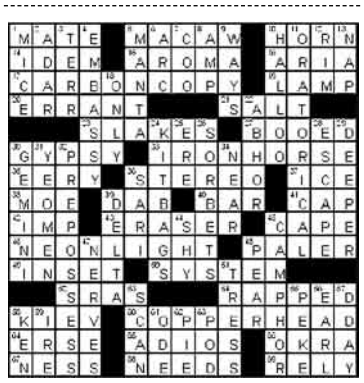

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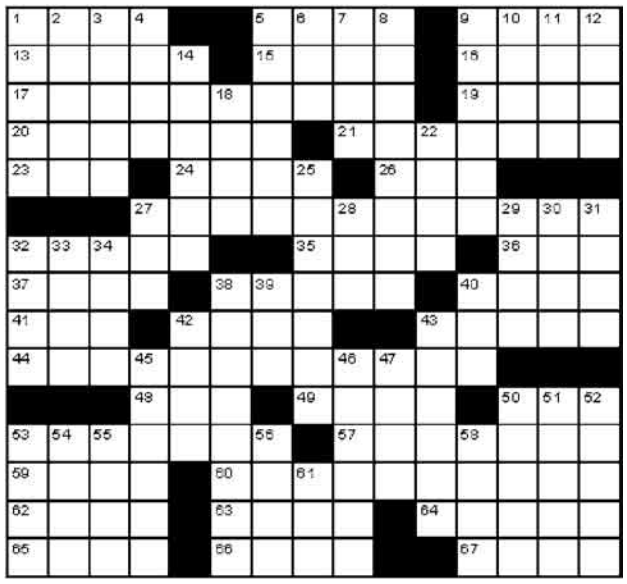

ACROSS
1 Frisbee, e.g.
5 Stay fresh
9 Trash collectors?
13 Ready to pour
15 "To Live and Die ___"
16 Apple computer
17 Director of "The Rules of the Game"
19 Strip in the Mideast
20 Alternatives
21 Like clay pots
23 Shorthand on a map of Montreal
24 Jab
26 Sticky stuff
27 "Mystic Pizza" star
32 Sting operation
35 Competes in 10Ks
36 Jack of "Barney Miller"
37 Part of BTU
38 Narratives
40 And others, in shorthand
41 "Catch you later!"
42 Hefty wrestler
43 Chopin's "Butterfly," e.g.
44 Hammett's portrayer in "Julia"
48 Talker's "gift"
49 "... ___ saw Elba"
50 Classified info?
53 "It slipped my mind!"
57 Consumed
59 Vine valley
60 Big-mouthed pitcher?
62 Decked out
63 Humorist Bombeck
64 "Good Times" actress
65 Foul-weather friend
66 New Mexico art center
67 ___ majesty (high crime)

DOWN
1 Martial arts schools
2 Bumbling
3 It's represented by a star
4 "Pretty please?"
5 Nastassja of "Tess"
6 Roxy Music's Brian
7 "Night" author Wiesel
8 Models of excellence
9 Item that's often stubbed
10 Asian nanny
11 Intense look
12 Read a bar code
14 Support
18 Organic compound
22 Plunders
25 Pierced place
27 Protrude
28 Feel regret
29 Run after Q
30 Pond hopper
31 Dover delicacy
32 Part of a sentence (Abbr.)
33 Single-named New Age singer
34 Dead heats
38 Aviator's craft, perhaps
39 Latin I verb
40 UFO crew
42 Hosiery woe
43 Newspaper bigwig
45 "Sweet Rosie ___" or golfer Mac
46 Sports centers
47 Tail end
50 Bracelet locale
51 Old sword contests
52 Shopping frenzy
53 Cuzco native, once
54 Succumb to gravity
55 Australian gemstone
56 1/3 of a war film title
58 EPA's concern
61 Medical insurance abbr.

The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*

Horoscope | *Stella Wilder*

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Work fast today to take full advantage of your own reserves of energy. One minor slip-up can threaten further progress.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You will be looking for something to make everything right today, but someone who has a better idea may distract you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You're concentrating too much on money and what it can buy. Instead, be willing to consider intangible, immeasurable gains as well.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Charm and tact can be combined today with remarkable results; take care, however, that you don't begin asking for more than you deserve.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — If you're not going to take the lead today, be satisfied playing a supporting role. You can't have it both ways just now.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You may want to re-think a current endeavor; effort and gain may not be well balanced at this time, and you may not be destined to profit at all.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You won't have your sense of fair play assaulted in any way today, and you may have to take an important stand before it's all over.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You won't want to pay a penny more than necessary for anything you need today — so you had better be prepared to shop around.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — A casual involvement may become more complicated before the day is out, and be ready to raise the stakes when the time comes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Pay no attention to idle threats today. However, be able to tell the difference between what is genuine and what is not.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Take care that you don't go around wounding other people's pride today — even unintentionally. Watch what you say and do at all times.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Take care you are not concentrating too closely on only one aspect of your life at this time. Remember to consider the big picture.

'SHATTERED GLASS'

Live Online

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

BILLY RAY, director and screenwriter of "Shattered Glass," was online Wednesday discussing his film, based on the true story of journalist and plagiarizer Stephen Glass.

How closely did you work with the current staff of The New Republic to get all the facts? Also, how closely did you work with Chuck Lane and other former TNR staff?

They were completely fundamental to my research. Chuck actually was an official paid consultant on the movie. I had several sources who chose to remain unnamed and I wanted to honor that but this was, from the beginning, a research-driven movie and the attempt was to approach it as a journalist would.

What has been the reaction to the movie from people who worked with Glass at The New Republic?

That was the review that I was most nervous about. But once we showed the movie to TNR staff, they liked it so much that they offered to host our D.C. premiere, which they did.

Your movie is "based" on a true story but, really, it invents/conflates characters and fictionalizes a real incident. I am not faulting you, but it is a little much to condemn a person who created stories out of thin air based on a fictionalization of a true story. I mean, don't movies (e.g., "A Beautiful Mind," "Seabiscuit") constantly fudge the facts in order to "tell a better story?"

That's a fair question but I think that our movie held itself up to higher journalistic standards than those other films that you've mentioned. There are cases, of course, in the movie where characters have been composited — that was done either to protect sources or to combine four conversations into one — but in no case did I invent a conversation or attribute something to a composited character that a real person had not actually said. This was something that we took and continue to take extremely seriously. We thought we had an obligation to history to get it right.

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ROSIE TRIAL WATCH

Go Home, Naughty Children

A judge said Wednesday that neither comedian and former talk show host **ROSIE O'DONNELL** nor Gruner+Jahr USA, the publisher of her former magazine, deserved damages in their dispute over its demise. New York state Supreme Court Justice Ira Gammerman said there was no evidence or testimony during the two-week trial indicating that either side had caused the other to suffer damages. "There's no evidence that the magazine would have made any money at all," he said. (AP)

MARY ALTAFFER/AP

"I have no vengeance toward Gruner+Jahr," snarled O'Donnell after the trial.

MIKE DERER/AP

KID LIT

K is for Kabbalah

MADONNA's second book for children, "Mr. Peabody's Apples" — a story about the power of words and the importance of teachers — is now in bookstores. "This book was inspired by a nearly 300-year-old story that was told to me by my Kabbalah teacher," Madonna said in a statement. "Yakov and the Seven Thieves," the third of five children's books planned by the singer, will be released in April 2004. (AP)

HOSTS

Rush Returns from Rehab

RUSH LIMBAUGH will return to his radio talk show Monday after completing a five-week treatment program for his addiction to painkillers, his brother said Wednesday. Limbaugh left the air Oct. 10; he plans to resume his regular schedule, hosting his three-hour show on weekdays for his audience of 20 million. David Limbaugh said the host successfully completed the first phase of his treatment. He did not say what the next step is. (AP)

DENIALS

Lean, Mean Legal Machine

Lawyers for **CATHERINE ZETA-JONES** sent letters to news organizations warning that she has been wrongly linked to the Atkins diet, reports the Smoking Gun. "These publications are falsely representing to the average reader, including many young women who look up to my client and admire her beautiful appearance, that Ms. Zeta-Jones would recommend this diet to [those] looking to lose weight," read the letter. The lawyers also promised to file suit. (AP)

TELL-ALLS

Venting at Ventura

A book released Wednesday paints former Gov. **JESSE VENTURA** as a gloomy recluse. In "Governor Ventura 'The Body' Exposed. The Man. The Mansion. The Meltdown," Dan Creed, former manager of the governor's residence, says Ventura seldom acknowledged those who worked for him. He slept on a "1970s-throwback waterbed," and left his pink feather boa on the bed, a sight Creed said "still unnerves me for reasons I can't really put my finger on." (AP)

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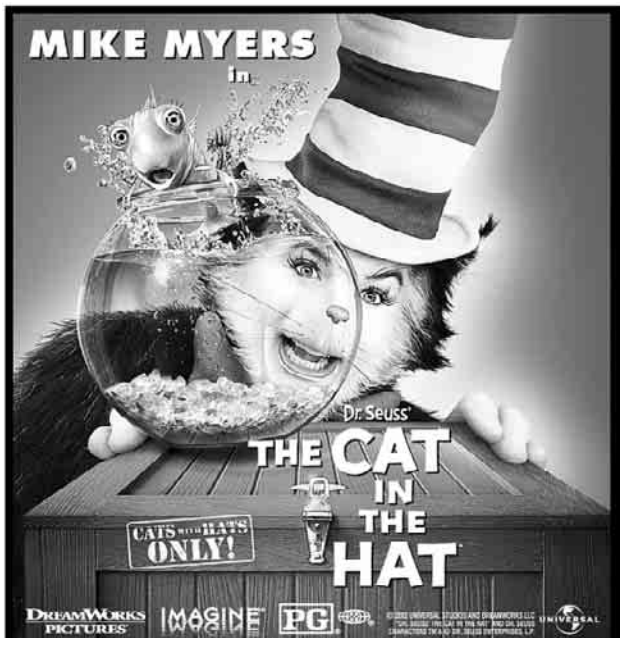

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